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SUBJ: JACK ANDERSON QUOTES CONGEN CABLE

REF: SYDNEY 2040, AUGUST 23, 1973

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM LOCAL AP REPRESENTATIVE A COPY OF JACK ANDERSON'S SYNDICATED COLUMN CLIPPED FROM THE CLEVELAND PRESS ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO WHICH REPORTS ON SENATOR BENTSEN'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA 20 MONTHS AGO. ANDERSON COLUMN SAYS, "WE HAVE NOW OBTAINED THE CABLES INTENDED FOR OFFICIAL EYES ONLY THAT BENTSEN'S ESCORTS SENT BACK TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT." HE PROCEEDS TO QUOTE ONE SENTENCE FROM CONGEN REFTEL SAYING, "SENATOR BENTSEN COMMENTED ON WAY TO AIRPORT HE FELT DR. KISSINGER'S APPOINTMENT AS SEC STATE WAS GOOD FOR THE CONGRESS, THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE FOREIGN SERVICE.....SINCE KISSINGER HAD BEEN DICTATING FOREIGN POLICY ANYHOW AND IT WOULD GIVE THE CONGRESS MORE FEELING OF CONFIDENCE IN WHITE HOUSE POLICY AND GIVE THE FOREIGN SERVICE LEADERSHIP IT NEEDED."

2. ALTHOUGH JACK ANDERSON COLUMN DESCRIBES THE CABLE AS BEING "INTENDED FOR OFFICIAL EYES ONLY" IT WAS IN FACT UNCLASSIFIED.

3. COMMENT: THE QUOTATION FROM CONGEN TELE WAS INCLUDED IN A COLUMN WHICH WAS DEVOTED MAINLY TO SENATOR BENTSEN'S CANDIDACY FOR THE 1976 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

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